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Dear Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the reference(s) listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/542,487, filed April 3, 2000. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/542,487 is a continuation of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/864,423, which issued on November 6, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,311,819, filed May 28, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing", which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/542,487 is a continuation-in-part and further claims the benefit of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/126,580, filed July 30, 1998 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents", which claims the benefit of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/573,392, which was issued on August 4, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,790,697 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents".

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,423 claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/018,563 filed May 29, 1996 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification and Authentication", 60/034,954 filed January 16, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing", and 60/038,340 filed February 27, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing."

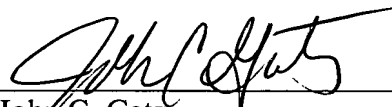
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,423 is a continuation-in-part and further claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/800,053, which was issued on November 30, 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,992,601 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification and Authentication".

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/800,053 claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/011,688 filed February 15, 1996, now abandoned, and 60/018,563, filed May 29, 1996.

The present Information Disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application and hence is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be deemed necessary (except payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any over payment to Jenkins & Gilchrist Account No. 10-0447/47171-00262USC2.

Respectfully submitted,

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